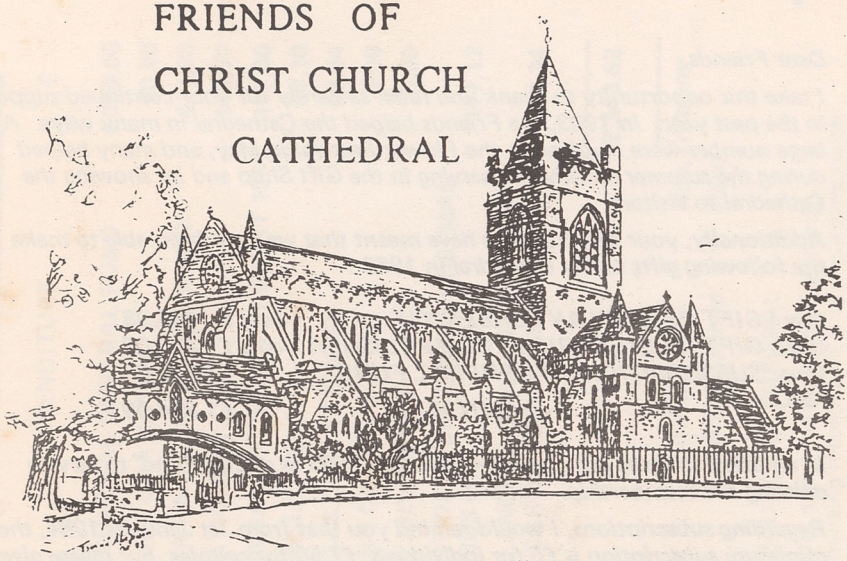
FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL



AN OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 1984

Dear Friend of Christ Church

Already signs of Spring seem to be in the air. Spring brings renewal. The word 'Lent' means 'spring-time' and suggests new beginnings. Christ's presence brings a perpetual spring-time to one's soul. For Lent most Friends will be involved in their own parishes, but you may be able to share in the broadcast from the Cathedral on Good Friday afternoon.

Looking back there have been some great events in the Cathedral which have been reported in the 'Church Review'. The Diocesan Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was a wonderful occasion. Christmas was a truly joyful festival at the Cathedral. The great Ecumenical Service to thank God for the release of Mr Don Tidey and to remember before God Garda Gary Sheehan and Private Patrick Kelly who lost their lives in helping to effect the rescue was a most moving event. Then there is the regular round of worship which is offered to God. Please keep us in thought and in your prayers.

Yours sincerely

J.V.B. Salmon

Dear Friends,

I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your continued support in the past year. In 1983, the Friends helped the Cathedral in many ways. A large number were involved in the Flower Festival in May, and many helped during the summer months, by serving in the Gift Shop and by showing the Cathedral to visitors.

Additionally, your subscriptions have meant that we have been able to make the following gifts to the Cathedral in 1983 :

(Apr.)	*GIFT OF DISPLAY SCREEN KIT*	*cost £ 464.98*
(May)	*GIFT OF ELECTRIC FLOOR POLISHER*	*cost £ 370.00*
(Aug. Jan.)	*SUBSCRIPTION TO GENERAL FUND*	*£1,000.00*
	TOTAL :	*£1,834.98*

In addition to these gifts, we have set aside £500 as a 'Life Fund' to service existing life membership.

Regarding subscriptions, I would remind you that from 1st January 1984, the minimum subscription is £5 for individuals, £7.50 for couples, but please give more if you can. I would stress again that these rates are for Friends joining after 1st January 1984; existing Friends continue to subscribe whatever they wish, though most, of course, pay more than these minimum rates already.

Subscriptions are due on 1st January each year, and Membership cards will be issued.

Membership Cards are enclosed with this Newsletter to :

[a] LIFE FRIENDS

[b] FRIENDS WHO PAY BY BANKER'S ORDER (irrespective of the time of year)

[c] FRIENDS WHO HAVE ALREADY SUBSCRIBED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

A Banker's Order Form is also enclosed in case you should wish to review your subscription.

On the next page you will find the 'Income and Expenditure' Account for the Friends for 1982. The relevant accounts for 1983 will appear in the next Newsletter, about May. A report on the first year's operation of the 'Cathedral Gift Shop' run by the Friends, together with the Accounts for 1983, appear later in this Newsletter.

With very best wishes for 1984,

yours sincerely,

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TERENCE READ, Hon. Treasurer

FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31.12.82

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
BALANCE IN CURRENT ACCOUNT CARRIED FORWARD FROM 1981	480.70	CATHEDRAL GENERAL FUND	1,000.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM FRIENDS	1,659.69	STAFF GRATUITIES	60.00
SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS and NOTELETS	203.23	PRINTING LEAFLETS, POSTER	431.80
		STATIONERY	102.77
		ANNUAL CATHEDRAL REPORT 1981	167.00
		NEWSLETTERS	89.10
		TREAS./SEC. EXPENSES	46.44
		BANK CHARGES	5.00
		UNPAID CHEQUE	25.00
		COST OF PRODUCING CHRISTMAS CARDS etc.	177.17
		BALANCE IN CURRENT ACCOUNT TO CARRY FORWARD TO 1983	239.34
	2,343.62		2,343.62

T.O.Read *Hon.Treasurer*
T.N.D.C.Salmon *Dean*

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

I have audited the above receipts and payments accounts in accordance with approved Auditing Standards. The receipts and payments account is in agreement with the Friends' accounting records and is in accordance with information and explanations supplied to me.

DATED: 10 October 1983
483 Orwell Park, Templeogue, Dublin 12.

Kenneth G. Rue – Chartered Accountant

FRIENDS' ACTIVITIES

BUFFET LUNCH — SATURDAY 10th MARCH AT 1 p.m.

Friends' and their families and guests are invited to a Buffet Lunch in the reopened Crypt on Saturday 10th March at 1 p.m. The lunch subscription is £2.50 per person.

After lunch, Mr. Joe Coady will give a short talk on the history of the Crypt, and it is hoped to provide a musical interlude.

Our Crypt has been closed for over a year due to storage of the old organ. Work on the new organ has now commenced in Bray, and the Crypt is now substantially cleared. The Crypt of Christ Church is of particular significance because of its length in relation to the Cathedral, and because it shows so clearly the original Norman construction. It also contains many interesting monuments and items of historical interest.

The day and time has been chosen in the hope that it will suit as many as possible. Though parking in the Cathedral grounds is very limited, there is ample space in the park opposite the old Synod Hall, and the Gardai will be informed that there will be a number of cars there on that day.

The Cathedral is closed to the public from 12.45 p.m. on Saturdays and Friends are asked to enter by the Chapter House door (directly opposite the main gate), where they may collect their luncheon tickets, from 12.30 p.m. onwards. Entrance to the crypt is in the south aisle.

Please return the enclosed form, together with remittance, to the Friends of Christ Church Cathedral, The Chapter House, Dublin 8, to arrive by 1st March, so that we may know the number to cater for.

ANNUAL BRING AND BUY SALE in The Chapter House
SATURDAY 7th APRIL 10.00 — 12.30

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop was authorised by the Board, to be run on an experimental basis in 1983. It was managed and staffed by a dedicated team of Friends, and was established in the Baptistry – this being the only area that could be closed off.

The accounts which follow indicate the success of the operation. The Shop will pay a dividend to the Cathedral General Fund of £1 000 for this year (1983), retaining any remaining profit in order to build up stock.

For 1984, the Gift Shop will find a permanent home under the old organ loft in the North Transept. The area will be enclosed by two pairs of wrought iron gates, commissioned as a memorial to Mrs. Kitty Wilmer O'Brien, and the gift of Dr. Brendan O'Brien. Curtains behind the gates will effectively obscure the shop from view when it is not open.

It is very much hoped that more friends will become involved in this work in the summer – the busy season is from May to the end of August – by helping in the shop for a half-day on a regular basis. I can assure them that it is a rewarding experience, and their friendly welcome and advice is very much appreciated by our thousands of visitors from many lands. In addition to the excellent Guide, the Friends have published a short guide which includes an introduction to the Anglican tradition of worship: this is available, free of charge, to visitors – in French, German, Italian and English, to which is hoped to add Spanish and Danish this season.

Magnificent colour photographs by John Hinde Ltd. will provide a new set of postcards, together with a range of articles depicting interior and exterior views. Friends have made articles for sale – crochet work, Aran hats, lavender bags, etc., and these make a substantial contribution. If any Friends would be able to help with crafts or ideas, in however small a way, we would be delighted to hear from them.

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (overleaf) :

1. *£4,000 of this was during the Flower Festival in May*
2. *Sales include items made by Friends at little or no cost, and limited edition of prints which were a gift to the Cathedral.*
3. *As this includes gift towards the cost of gates, it may be expected to be substantially lower next year.*

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WANTED
USED STAMPS – ESPECIALLY IRISH

They sell very well in the Shop:
any quantity will be appreciated

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For the Year ended 31st December 1983

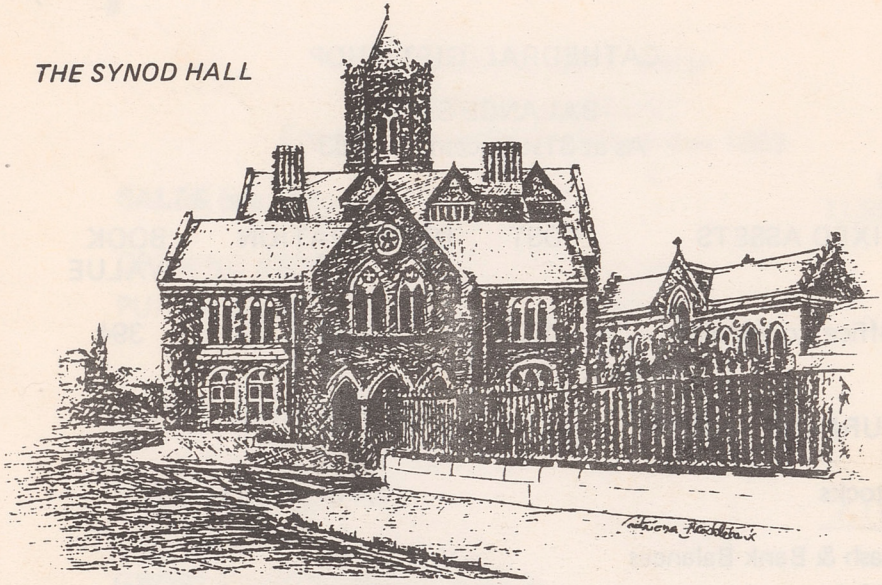
	£	£
SALES (see Note 1)		11,956
OPENING STOCK	1,215	
PURCHASES	11,342	
	12,557	
LESS: CLOSING STOCK	5,445	
COST OF SALES		7,112
GROSS PROFIT 40% (see Note 2)		4,844
EXPENDITURE		
STATIONERY	76	
BANK CHARGES	34	
ADVERTISING	10	
SUNDRIES	19	
DEPRECIATION OFFICE EQUIPMENT	98	237
NET PROFIT		4,607
ADD: INTEREST RECEIVED		131
Dr.B.O'Brien Gift - To Memorial Gates		1,500
SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD (see Note 3)		6,238
DIVIDEND TO THE CATHEDRAL		1,000
TO BALANCE SHEET		5,238

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

BALANCE SHEET
As at 31st December 1983

FIXED ASSETS	COST	DEPRECIATION	BOOK VALUE
Office Equipment	492	98	394
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		5,445	
Cash & Bank Balances		2,382	
		7,827	
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors	768		
Dividend	1,000		
		1,768	
			6,059
NET ASSETS			6,453
CAPITAL EMPLOYED			
Initial Stock			1,215
Revenue Account			5,238
			6,453

THE SYNOD HALL



Some Friends may not realise that the Bridge and the Synod Hall have never been part of Christ Church.

A Charitable Trust has now been incorporated to take over the buildings. They are in very poor repair and the first job has been a major overhaul of the roofs.

The Trustees will have to raise large monies from business institutions if they are to convert the premises into a financially successful unit and it will certainly take years to pay this money back. However, they work in the faith that the buildings may eventually become self-supporting and perhaps, in the long term, may be made to contribute towards the upkeep of the Cathedral.

The finances of the Trust are not in any way related to those of the Cathedral. The risks involved in the undertaking cannot therefore jeopardise Christ Church. The Trustees are, however, appointed by the Board and it may be assumed that they will act in the best interests of the Cathedral.

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THE NEW ORGAN

This is now being built at the Kenneth Jones Works in Bray. A sub-committee of the Cathedral Board, consisting of the Precentor (Canon McClatchie), the Treasurer (Canon Whyte), Mr. Bill Aplin and Mr. Peter Sweeney, has been appointed to look after this work, with assistance from the Cathedral Architect, Mr. Ian Roberts.

An appeal for the necessary funds – about £140,000 – will be launched later.